

## MOVE TO ACQUIRE MT. VERNON TOLD

### MISS COMEGYS, REGENT, READS ANNUAL REPORTS AT WOMEN'S CONFERENCE.

The reading of the annual reports of the regent, Miss Harriett Clayton meigs of Dover, Del., occupied the first session of the second-day meeting of the Mount Vernon Ladies' Association of the Union, now in conference at Mount Vernon, Va. The regent called attention to some notable events which occurred in the early history of the association.

In March, 1860," said Miss Comegys. Six years after Miss Cunningham's first appeal went to the country for \$100,000 required for the purchase of Mount Vernon, she invited both Houses of Congress to accompany the expedition on the first official visit to the home and tomb of Washington. The invitation was favorably accepted and in the Senate a resolution was passed to assemble an hour earlier than usual and adjourn in season for

"On the afternoon of the 7th of March this distinguished party, with a Marine Band from the Navy Yard, left the wharf on the Thomas Collier. At the wharf the steamboat company had patriotically placed at the command of the regents for this occasion.

on. Johnson Cochran of New York he id. The tomb in its dilapidated ate was a matter of grief to every illanthropist, and every patriot. The omen of America have achieved their sires, have accomplished their aims. ed Mount Vernon, with its sacred hes, reposes under the custody of e women of America—the property e American Union.”

Miss Comey's read an article written by the editor of the London Times

"We have no place of national pilgrimage in England and this is so perfect in model as Washington's home at Mount Vernon," it said. "It perhaps through lack of the figure of the Washington that we have nothing to compare with it. For my parallel one must rather go to Montebellu. But certain shrines of ours and none of them incloses site such thoroughness as this. When think of the completeness of the

ervation of Mount Vernon, where, every day, through the piety of individuals, a thousand personal relics have been reassembled so that, save for the sightseer, this serene and ample and Virginia mansion is almost exactly as it was, I am filled with admiration. For a young people, largely in a hurry, to find time to be so proud and reverent is a significant thing.

With the flags half-mast in memory of the fallen, the day is a day of devotion.

Delegates in Attendance.

Among those attending the conference are Miss Harriet Clayton Combs, regent; Miss Alice M. Duff, fellow, vice regent for Massachusetts; Mrs. Charles Custis Harrison, vice regent for Pennsylvania; Mrs. Thomas S. Maxey, vice regent for Texas; Mrs. Robert D. Johnson, vice regent for Alabama; Mrs. John Julius Prince, vice regent for South Carolina; Mrs. Henry W. Rogers, vice regent for Maryland; Mrs. Eliza Y. Leary,

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 gent for Vermont; Mrs. Antoine Len-  
 thon Foster, vice regent for Dela-  
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 regent for Louisiana; Miss Jane A.  
 Eggs, vice regent for District of  
 Columbia; Mrs. Horace Mann Town-  
 er, vice regent for Iowa; Mrs. Thomas  
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 Miss Harriet L. Huntress, vice regent  
 for New Hampshire; Mrs. Charles El-

ott Furness, vice regent for Minnesota; Mrs. Benjamin D. Walcott, vice regent for Indiana; Mrs. Lucien M. Anks, vice regent for Wisconsin; Miss Annie B. Jennings, vice regent for Connecticut; Mrs. William Hall Bradford, vice regent for New Jersey; Mrs. George H. Carpenter, vice regent for Illinois; Miss Mary Govan Phillips, vice regent for Mississippi; Mrs. Margaret Bushie Shipp, vice regent for North Carolina; Mrs. Horace C. Adams, vice regent for South Carolina.

**BANDITS BATTLE POLICE.**  
CHICAGO, May 20.—Five bandits

...tought their way out of the Division  
ate Bank in a pistol fight with po-  
who surprised them in a hold-up.  
out four of the bandits were captured  
and most of the loot recovered when  
an automobile in which they fled over-  
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